

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

We write to express our support for emergency disaster supplemental appropriations due to the ramifications of Hurricane Ida and respectfully request that such act include the highest funding possible to help New York families recover from the devastation suffered.

Ida's consequences are far reaching, especially as we mourn the tragic loss of 16 New Yorkers, including 13 individuals who succumbed to catastrophic flooding caused by the Hurricane - a death toll we fear is steadily rising. Since last Friday, New York State has deployed substantial resources for critical infrastructure repairs such as power restoration, reopening of roads, and public transportation recovery. While the State continues to survey the economic damage of the storm, it is estimated Ida's total cost could figure as high as \$90 billion—if not higher. There is no doubt that New York's share of this number will be lofty. Without emergency disaster supplemental appropriations New York's path to recovery from Hurricane Ida, compounded by the global coronavirus pandemic, will be delayed.

To help New York recover and rebuild, we believe several accounts should be included in an emergency supplemental spending bill. We respectfully urge that you include the highest funding possible for the following accounts:

- **HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.** Maximum funds would support large-scale resiliency projects and grants to homeowners. After Hurricane Sandy, New York City and Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island received \$16 billion. These funds were used to support individuals and families that helped them rebuild and recover from the storm. This fund will be essential for New York's recovery.
- **HUD Single Family and Multifamily grants and loans:** As you know, 13 New Yorkers tragically lost their lives in basement units.<sup>1</sup> Funding here would help finance basement conversions.

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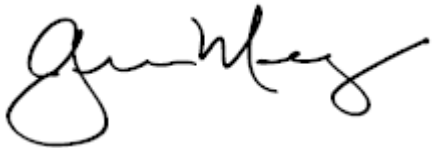
<sup>1</sup> <https://abc7ny.com/nyc-flooding-deadly-13-killed-basement-apartments-flood/10995579/>

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- **FEMA Disaster Relief Fund.** Funding would support general reimbursement, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grants, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- **FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant.** Funding would help with emergency planning for future extreme weather events.
- **DOT Transit.** The Metropolitan Transit Authority will need additional resources to recover and rebuild.
- **DOT Federal Highway Administration.** Funds would support street design and flooding remediation.
- **USACE Construction Funding.** Funds would support existing resiliency projects and additional ones that may be needed.

While this list is not exhaustive, we strongly encourage that you include them in emergency disaster supplemental appropriations and bring relief to those affected by Ida, including New York families. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working together to address this crisis.

Sincerely,



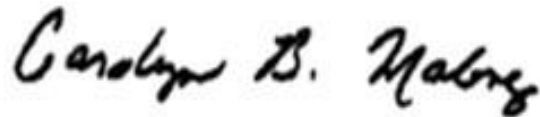
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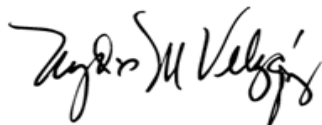
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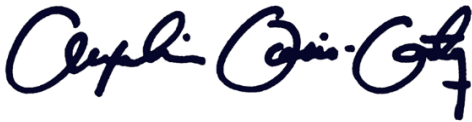
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